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For: SHRINKABLE MULTIPLE BORE CONNECTION SYSTEM

## ASSERTION OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

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Sir:

Patentee Richards Manufacturing Company, A New Jersey

Limited Partmership, by the undersigned, whose title is set forth below, as the owner by assignment of the subject U.S. patent no. 6,991,484, hereby asserts entitlement to small entity status, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

Patentee Richards Manufacturing Company, A New Jersey

Limited Partnership submits that it qualifies as a Small Business Concern as described in 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(a), since it has fewer than 500 employees and has not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed, and is not under any obligation to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights under the subject patent to any person, concern or organization which itself would not qualify for small entity status.

The undersigned is authorized to execute this paper on behalf of Richards

Manufacturing Company, A New Jersey Limited Partnership.

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## Assertion of Entitlement to Small Entity Status

Title: Limited Partner